

# Councilmember Esmeralda Soria

## *The work continues in District 1!*

**Making Neighborhoods Safer and Stronger**

**2019 Edition 2**

Dear Residents,

We have been working hard on your behalf and are happy to report new businesses, groundbreakings, local events, neighborhood improvements, acknowledgements of local community members and organizations, and special projects in District 1.

This year we have continued to give back to our community, beautified our neighborhoods, invested in the next generation of leaders, and made important decisions that will impact the future of the City of Fresno. This would not be possible without you. Thank you!

Sincerely,

***Esmeralda Soria***



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**Fresno City Councilmember District 1**

## *Bringing City Hall To You!*

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# Beautifying Our Neighborhoods

## Snapshot of Public Works Improvements in District 1

**Weldon & Thorne  
Sidewalk Repairs**



**Ashlan and Hughes  
Safety Barricades**



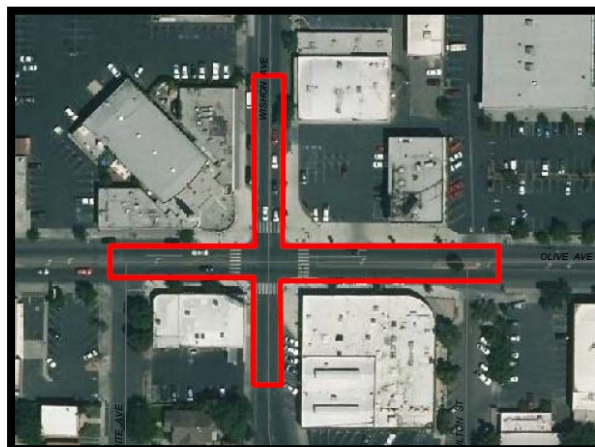
**Weldon & Thorne  
Park Strip Repairs**



**Improving the Neighborhood  
with Wilson Island  
Street Signs**



**Olive and Wishon Street Overlay**



**Repairing deteriorated pavement and restriping on  
Weldon between Van Ness and Maroa Ave.**



*Dear Residents,*

*I am happy to report that several neighborhood projects have been completed this year. Although we have a long list of projects still pending, we have made a substantial amount of progress.*

*Beautifying our neighborhoods has been a priority of mine, which has included trimming our trees, improving our sidewalks, repaving our streets, cleaning up our alleys, and improving our Code Enforcement Division.*

*Change does not happen overnight and I thank you for your patience.*

*Sincerely,  
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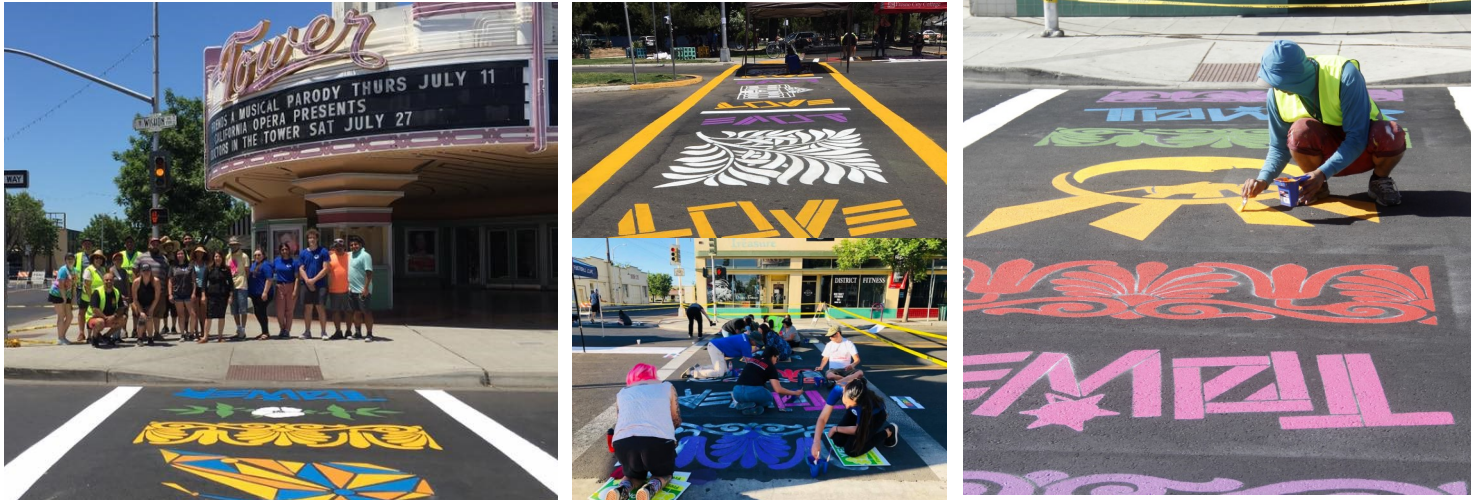




# District 1 Projects

## Crosswalk Art & Quigley Park Renovation

### Crosswalk Art Project Olive & Wishon and Echo & Weldon Avenues



Through a California Arts Council Grant, the Fresno Arts Council, Councilmember Soria, and lead artist, Mauro Carrera transformed 8 crosswalks into 8 public art installations this year by adding painted embellishments between designated pedestrian traffic lines. Designs of each crosswalk were created and applied in collaboration with surrounding residents and businesses. A big thanks to our local volunteers for their help!

## Quigley Park Renovation Project



Councilmember Soria received support this year on her proposal to use a portion of her district parks budget allocation for the master planning of the restoration and rehabilitation of Quigley Neighborhood Park. Quigley Park is a public, 8+ acre Neighborhood park located at 808 W Dakota in District 1 adjacent to Williams Elementary. An assessment in the city's masterplan states that "Quigley was designated one of the highest priority parks in the city by community members during the outreach." Several community meetings have been held near Quigley Park to gain input from community members on what improvements they would like to see. A masterplan was then developed from resident suggestions and a proposal for a Prop 68 grant in the amount of \$8.5M was submitted. Funding for renovations is pending grant proposal decision.





# Working Hard to Find Solutions

## Important Steps to Tackling Homeless Crisis

In 2019, Councilmember Esmeralda Soria supported HEAP, providing nearly \$3 million in funding designated for homeless services including: Triage Centers, Outreach Services, Homeless Employment Programs, Homeless Family Services and Homeless Youth Services. On June 27, Councilmember Soria and the council approved agreements with Turning Point Central California and with Fresno EOC to provide new funding to support triage shelters for homeless adults and youth.

Councilmember Soria actively participates on the City of Fresno Council Subcommittee for Homelessness and was recently **appointed by California Governor Gavin Newsom to serve on a statewide Homeless Task Force.**

Over the span of a couple of months, the City of Fresno has made more than 200 beds available for the homeless. The Golden State Center, the Welcome Center, and the Hacienda Campus are now operating as Triage Centers with minimal requirements from our homeless community and an investment of \$100,000 from the city will go towards workforce development.



## Brining Resources West of Highway 99



The Granville-Teague Community Resource Center is a “mixed use professional building” in partnership with private, public, and other donors. This center includes a Multi-Purpose Event Center for Community and Cultural Events, conference room for local group meetings, a full service regional Fresno County branch Library, Central Unified Resource Center, and Centro La Familia Advocacy Services Center. This Hub has brought much needed resources to the West of Hwy 99 area.

## Job Opportunities for Our Youth



Councilmember Soria along with several Fresno Stakeholders, have been working on a proposal for Youth Jobs in the City of Fresno. As part of those efforts they have surveyed potential and existing employers to gain insight on the needs that exist with regards to skill sets among employers. Over \$370,000 have been identified to provide internship opportunities for our youth via the first official City of Fresno Youth Jobs Program.





# *Investing in the future!*

## Ongoing & Completed Projects!

### Fresno Airports - Project Labor Agreement

In March 2019, the Fresno City Council voted 7-0 to begin negotiations of a Project Labor Agreement for the construction of the Fresno Airport (FATfoward) expansion. The City of Fresno previously held a ban on City negotiated PLA's from 2000-2014. This is only the 2nd City negotiated PLA.

The focus of the PLA will be to create a pool of diversity in the workforce hiring that will reflect the levels of residents who are economically challenged or disadvantaged, such as minorities, women, small businesses, veterans and local hires. The creation of this agreement will bring 2,143 new jobs, and investment of \$115 Million and have an economic impact of \$320 Million.



### Central High Groundbreaking

After more than 10 years of waiting, Central Unified School District broke ground on its new High School which is expected to open in Fall of 2021. This school has yet to be named and will be located on the northeast corner of Ashlan and Grantland Avenues, adjacent to Harvest Elementary, Glacier Point Middle School and Koligian Stadium. Construction will take two years but will include unique features such as a community plaza outdoor mall that leads to an indoor campus mall with a beautiful glass ceiling.



### CLFAS - Neighborhood Resource Center



Come see the new Centro La Familia Advocacy Services Neighborhood Resource Center on Polk Avenue. This center offers services such as Medi-Cal & CalFresh Enrollments, DACA Renewals, Citizenship Assistance, and more.

### Veterans Memorial



The Veterans Memorial at Fresno City Hall is now displayed at City Hall. This memorial is made of black granite with a ceramic colored City of Fresno logo and five 10" ceramic tiles for the branches of the military. At least 277 names are displayed on the memorial.





# Special Events & Recognitions

*This year we celebrated many special events and recognized many deserving individuals for their positive impact in the community. We celebrated the grand openings of Bad Axe Throwing, Centro La Familia Resource Center West of 99, the Living Well Center, the Scott Polenz Family and Marriage Therapy, Full Circle Olympic, and the Lincoln Pub and Grub. This year we also recognized organizations that have been working to improve the lives of our residents through their advocacy efforts, resources, and leadership training. Organizations such as Access Plus Capital, Resources for Independence Central Valley, Fresno State's College of Social Sciences, the Hmong Leadership Cohort, the National Women's Political Caucus, the Workforce Investment Board's Pre – Apprenticeship Program, and the San Joaquin Political Academy.*

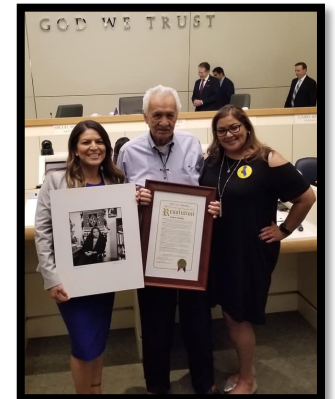
## Special Recognitions



Recognizing 30 Years of Fresno Reel Pride Film Festival in the Tower District!



Congratulating our new sworn in Naturalized Citizens ages 4 -18!



Recognizing the first Latina Councilwoman Esther Padilla!



Recognizing trailblazer Paige Alexis Morales, a young female wrestler from Aspen Valley Preparatory Academy!



Celebrating Women's History Month!



Echo & Weldon Annual Block Party!



National Night Out in District One!

## Local Events



Annual Labor Day Pancake Breakfast!



FCC State of the College Breakfast!



West Shaw Estates Block Party!



Chinese New Year Parade in Downtown Fresno!



Annual Mall 2 Mall Bike Ride from Manchester to Fresno City Hall!



# Investing in the next generation of Leaders!

## District 1 Summer Interns



A big thanks to our 2019 Summer Interns (*from right*) Nico Stacy-Alcantara, Anastasia Bates, Conner McKnight, Harkiran Kaur, Celida Garcia, Jaskeet Raika, Isabel Hernandez, and Pawan Brar (*not pictured*).

## 1st Hmong Leadership Cohort



Congratulations to the 1st Hmong Leadership Cohort on a successful completion of this program. This program is helping shape our next generation of Hmong leaders!

## Kepler Scholars: Local Heroes



It was a privilege to honor our brave local heroes (the Kepler Neighborhood School Volleyball Team) for their bravery in helping a local woman who was attempting to jump off the Stanislaus bridge. While the woman was hanging, about to fall, the students encouraged her and reminded her that her life was worth it, and asked their Coach to call 911. This act of bravery saved this woman's life. We are beyond proud of these young students!

## District 1 Young Councilmember Program Class of 2019



Congratulations to the District 1 Young Councilmember Program Class of 2019 graduates. This year will mark the 4th year of this program where over 30 students have graduated from and learned about civic engagement and leadership opportunities.

## Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project



Excited to continue supporting the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project in their efforts to inspire and motivate students to become future leaders of the San Joaquin Valley!

## Dailey Elementary Charter School



Every year, I participate in the National Read Across America Day. This year I had the honor of reading to the 2nd graders at Dailey Elementary Charter School!





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Fresno City Councilmember **District 1**

## City of Fresno Service Phone Numbers



District 1 Office 621-8000

Report issues in District 1, request proclamations, certificates, or to be added to our listserv to be notified about upcoming events and community meetings.



One-Call Center 311

Report Homeless Encampments, Potholes, Graffiti, Streetlights Out, Abandoned Vehicles, Missed Trash Pick-up and other inquiries.



Fresno Police Department 621-7000

**NON-EMERGENCY**



Mosquito Abatement 268-6565



**FresGO** is a free, easy to use real-time app for residents to report issues. Available on the App Store and Google Play. Scan to download now.

### Contact Our Office for:

**Resident Services** - Contact the District One Office with issues such as graffiti, potholes, broken streetlights, blight, and other neighborhood concerns.

**Get Involved** - These committees serve District One.

- District One Implementation Committee
- Tower District Design and Review Committee
  - The Youth Commission
  - Young Councilmember Program
- Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Call our office for vacancies or apply online at:

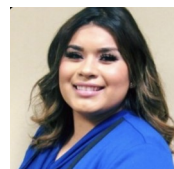
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## MEET THE DISTRICT 1 TEAM

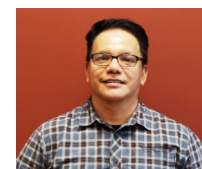
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### Contacte Nuestra Oficina para:

**Servicios para residentes** – Por favor llame a la oficina del Distrito 1 si tiene problemas de grafiti, hoyos en su calle, luces de la ciudad quebradas o fundidas, o alguna otra preocupación.

**Involúcrese** – Estos comités sirven y benefician al Distrito Uno.

- El Comité de Implementación
- Diseño y Revisión del Distrito Tower
  - La Comisión de Jóvenes
- Programa de Concejales Juveniles
- Comité Asesor de Bicicletas y Peatones

Llame a nuestra oficina para posiciones vacantes o encuentre la solicitud en el internet: <https://www.fresno.gov/cityclerk/boards-commissions/board-commission-application/>

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